

In the Shadow of the Cross

Introduction:

1. Berniece Marie Cannon-Brostrom wrote the lyrics to this song which was published in 1938.
2. She was born on January 25, 1914, and died in 1992 at the age of 78.
3. The music was composed by Wesley H. Daniel, who may have been a music teacher of Mrs. Brostrom.
4. He was born in 1907 and passed away in 1985 at the age of 78.
5. He also composed the music for the song: "God Shall Wipe Away All Tears."

I. Jesus Lived in the Shadow of the Cross (Stanza 2)

On that tree of sorrow Jesus died for all,
Took upon Himself our dross;
As I see Him there I long to ever live
In the shadow of the cross.

- A. Jesus was born to die on the cross.
- B. From a human perspective, imagine His learning of His destiny.
 1. His mother knew (Luke 1:30-35, 41-43; 2:19, 34-35).
 2. At some point, although we do not know when, Jesus must have learned (cf. Luke 2:40, 46-49).
- C. Imagine living a life on death row – knowing the suffering that would come.
 1. His death was implied (Genesis 4:3-5)
 2. His death was prophesied (Genesis 22:8)
 3. His death was typified (Exodus 12:5)
 4. His death was personified (Isaiah 53:7)
 5. He was identified (John 1:29)
 6. His death was verified (Acts 8:30-35)
 7. Now He is glorified (Revelation 5:12-13)
- D. Jesus knew how He would suffer.
 1. He read His own obituary (Isaiah 53).
 2. He knew He would be betrayed (Psalm 41:9; 55:12-14).
 3. He knew He would be forsaken (Zechariah 13:7).
 4. He knew He would be hanged on a tree (Deut. 21:23; Gal. 3:13).
 5. He knew He would be pierced (Psalm 22:1-18; Zech. 12:10).
 6. He knew His strength would fail (Psalm 69:21; Isaiah 53:12).
- E. He understood the Old Testament types and shadows.
 1. Though Isaac was spared, Jesus would not be (Gen. 22).
 2. The Passover lamb illustrated His sacrifice (Exodus 12).
 3. Every animal sacrifice looked forward to His death.
- F. Yet, He also knew the hope of the resurrection (Isa. 53:9; Psa. 16:8-10; 68:18; 110:1; 45:6-7).
- G. Despite all He knew, Jesus faithfully submitted to and served the Father.

II. The Christian Lives in the Shadow of the Cross (Stanzas 1 & 3)

As we journey on toward heaven's shining goal,
 We may suffer pain and loss;
 Burdens only bring us blessings if we live
 In the shadow of the cross.

There are souls to rescue, there are souls to save,
 On the sea of life they toss;
 May we be a light and teach them how to live
 In the shadow of the cross.

- A. To remind us of the horror of sin (Rom. 3:23; Isa. 59:1-2; 1 Cor. 1:18)
- B. To remind us of the heart of God (John 3:16; 1 Pet. 1:18-19; Col. 2:13-14)
- C. To remind us to herald God's power (1 Cor. 2:2; Rom. 1:16)
- D. To remind us of the hope of Heaven (John 14:1-3; Col. 1:20; Heb. 12:2)

III. Faithfulness in the Shadow of the Cross (Chorus)

Are you living in the shadow of the cross,
 Where the Savior took your place?
 By the cross He'll lead us to that home above,
 There we'll see Him face to face.

- A. We know that we will face hardship (Acts 14:22).
- B. We know that we will face persecution (2 Timothy 3:12).
- C. We know that we will face death (Hebrews 9:27).
- D. Will we serve God faithfully anyway?

Conclusion:

1. Living in the shadow of the cross is the only way to make it to Heaven.
2. The Christian must never forget or neglect the cross of Jesus.